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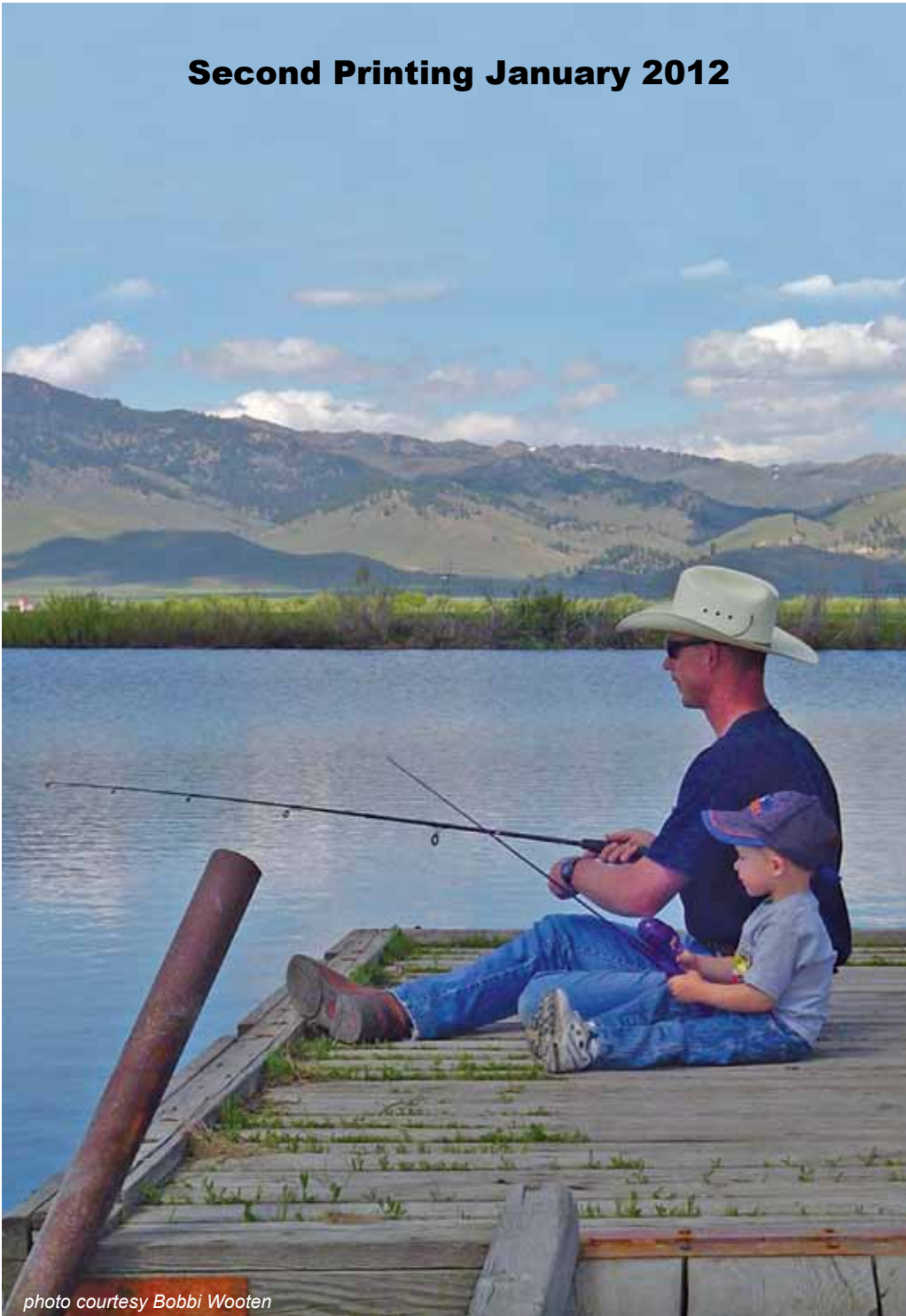


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"All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping." — Idaho Code Section 36-103

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To Receive Nonresident License Applications,

Call Toll Free: 1-800-635-7820

If you buy a nonresident license this year, you will automatically receive an application form for the following year. Applications will be mailed in November.

Other Information Numbers

- **Citizens Against Poaching; to report wildlife crimes:**
1-800-632-5999
- Rules booklets, nonresident license applications:
1-800-635-7820 or 208-334-3700
- U. S. Forest Service – Boise National Forest:
208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523
- Bureau of Land Management – Idaho Office:
208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523.

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- *In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor throughout the state.*
- *By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.*
- *On the Internet, go online to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. A service fee is added for this transaction.*
- *Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.*

To report wildlife crimes, call 1-800-632-5999. Emergency information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.

This book includes important information about Idaho's fishing laws. You can be fined or jailed if you violate these laws. Please have someone who reads English explain the information in this book for you.

Información Importante

Este libro incluye información importante acerca de las leyes de pesca de Idaho. Usted puede ser multado o encarcelado si violan estas leyes. Por favor, que alguien que lee Inglés explicar la información en este libro para usted.

You may refer to this link for laws pertaining to this rule book:

Administrative Procedures Act:

<http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa13/13index.htm>

More than 30 states have entered into a "Wildlife Violator Compact." This means if your hunting, fishing or trapping license is revoked by any of the member states, all the remaining states will revoke the same license or privilege for the same time period. In addition, any nonresident who does not satisfy the requirements of an Idaho citation will have his/her hunting and fishing license revoked in their home state until those requirements are satisfied. For more information on the WVC and a complete list of member states, go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/about/enforcement/violator.cfm>

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Information in this brochure summarizes the rules and is the official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of fish. The official rules are available from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

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Fishing Rules 2011 and 2012

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Format Changes

Our goal is to make Idaho's fishing rules as easy as possible to understand while maintaining the legal integrity of the document. To accomplish this goal, we've made changes from our previous format. Please take a couple of minutes to review the 2011-2012 rules. Give us your feedback at IDFGINFO@idfg.idaho.gov.

One of the first changes you will notice is a bulleted or narrative format for rule exceptions. A tabular format was used in the previous booklet.

The next significant change is a shift away from "statewide" rules toward regional rules and year-round seasons and bag limits. By going to regional rules and year-round seasons, we were able to reduce the number of exceptions by more than 33 percent and make the rules easier to understand.

Lastly, we've increased the number of fishing areas which are open year-round to avoid confusion over opening and closing dates and to provide more fishing opportunities.

See Page 4 for more information on using this booklet.



See
<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>
 to take advantage of the
 Fishing Planner!

How to Use This Booklet

Southeast Region

General Fishing Season for the Southeast Region

All Waters Open All Year except as modified in Southeast Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 26-27.
Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.

General Bag and Possession Limits for the Southeast Region

The following bag and possession limits apply to all waters of the Southeast Region except as modified in Southeast Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 26-27.

Bass (largemouth and smallmouth)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined
- None under 12 inches

Brook Trout

- Brook trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for brook trout

Cisco (Bear Lake only)

- Cisco limit is 30

Kokanee

- Kokanee limit is 6

Sturgeon

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 49 for details

Tiger Muskie

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

Trout includes brook trout, lake trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and trout hybrids

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- In rivers and streams, only 2 of the 6 trout may be cutthroat trout

Does not include brook trout which are listed separately

Whitefish

- Whitefish limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

Protected Nongame Fish includes leatherside chub and Bear Lake sculpin

- May not be harvested or possessed

All Other Fish Species includes bullfrogs and crayfish

- No bag, size or possession limit

Southeast Region

Special Rule Waters for the Southeast Region (see Pages 26-27 for details)

Bear Lake	Dry Creek	Oneida Reservoir
Bear River	Fish Haven Creek	Portneuf River
Bear River tributaries	First Creek	Preuss Creek
Blackfoot Reservoir	Fort Hall Indian Reservation	Rose Pond
Blackfoot River and tributaries	Foster Reservoir	St. Charles Creek
Chesterfield Reservoir	Giraffe Creek and tributaries	Slug Creek and tributaries
Condie Reservoir	Glendale Reservoir	Snake River
Cub River	Lanes Creek and tributaries	Springfield Reservoir
Daniels Reservoir	Little Blackfoot River and tributaries	Thomas Fork Bear River
Deep Creek Reservoir	McCoy Creek and tributaries	Treasureton Reservoir
Diamond Creek and tributaries	Montpelier Reservoir	Twenty-Four Mile Reservoir
Dike Lake	Montpelier Rearing Pond	Weston Reservoir
		Winder Reservoir

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1. Find the region where you plan to fish

2. Find the regional fishing season dates

3. Find your fish species and bag limit

4. See if the water you want to fish is listed under Special Rule Waters

5. Turn the page for details on Special Rule Waters

**General Information and Definitions pertaining to rules
can be found starting on Page 43.**